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KALISPELL COUPLE EARNS UM COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

MISSOULA --

A Kalispell couple will be honored Saturday, Oct. 23, by The University of Montana for service to their alma mater and their local community.

JoAnn and Marlyn "Huz" Jensen will be presented with UM's Community Service Award during the halftime ceremony of the Montana Grizzlies-Eastern Washington Eagles football game at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. The award recognizes the Jensens' support of and service to UM, as well as to their community.

Huz played Grizzly football from 1952 to 1954 before moving on to teach biology and history -- first at Butte Central High School and later at Flathead High School. A 1954 UM graduate, he coached football, wrestling and track for 15 of his 38 years as a high school teacher, receiving both coaching and teaching awards.

The Jensens have owned Books West in downtown Kalispell for 32 years.

An active member of the Grizzly Athletic Association, Huz was a copper sponsor for the Washington-Grizzly Stadium construction project. He has been a member of the Flathead GAA board for 10 years, serving as president for five of those years. Huz also is a member of UM's Century, Touchdown and Letterman's clubs.

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At home, Huz serves on the Kalispell Museum Board, is a youth adviser for Family Services, and is a member of the Northwest Montana Historical Society and the Montana Retired Teachers Association. He previously volunteered for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Flathead Juvenile Probation, the Eagle Scout Review Board and was a member of the parking commission.

JoAnn, a 1956 UM graduate, was named Kalispell's Businesswoman of the Year in 1998. She is a member of the Kalispell Downtown Business Association and the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce. She is past secretary-treasurer of the St. Matthew's Church council, past president of Edgerton School PTA and past member of the Kalispell Soroptimists.

The Jensens are both members of the UM Alumni Association.

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